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Manuel Calzada practiced corporate and natural resources law in Australia earning a reputation as a mining royalties specialist. He joined the United Nations in 2000, and remained as Senior Legal Counsel with international organizations until 2021 when he returned to private practice.

His initial UN assignment was with UNMIK, the UN Executive Authority Mission in Kosovo where he worked in the Office of Legal Affairs of the UN Special Representative Office of Legal Affairs, and with the European Union Economic Development Pillar in charge of Kosovo's economic reconstruction, the legal administration of Publicly Owned Enterprises in Telecoms, Aviation, Energy, and Municipal service enterprises. He established ABU-IDI and ABU-agribusiness, two EU-funded economic development banking entities for the agricultural and industrial sectors.

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